

Cemetery Regulations for use of Flowers and Other Decorations

In 2004, the City revised the regulations regarding flowers and other decorations that are placed in Riverside and Rosehill Cemeteries. Flowers are a symbol of life in all its beauty, they are a testimony of life and respect, and they are in harmony with the natural beauty of the cemetery grounds. However, the over-decorating of monuments and grave sites has become a concern in Troy and in cemeteries across the country.

The placement of numerous decorations makes proper maintenance difficult, and the decorations can also be a hazard for maintenance workers and cemetery visitors.



The entire “Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Use of Flowers and Other Decorations” document is available on the City’s website or from the Cemetery Office.

Natural and artificial flowers and plantings, and other decorations, which are in conflict with the regulations, will be removed by the Cemetery staff. Prohibited items include styrofoam decorations, fences, coat hangers, rocks and stones, wires, ornaments, ceramics, glass, shells, food items, cardboard and paper, signs, tires, toys, or stuffed animals.

The assistance of citizens is solicited in assisting the City in assuring that Riverside and Rosehill cemeteries are appropriately maintained as places of rest and remembrance, and that they are welcoming for all who seek to visit and enjoy their natural beauty.

WINTER SNOW SEASON UPDATES AND TIPS

The salt barns on Experiment Farm Road and Dye Mill Road are full of salt, and crews are ready for the winter season.

TIP - Once you have shoveled your snow, make sure you push it into the street to the right side (looking out the driveway to the street) of your driveway. This way, the snow plows will not plow the snow back into your driveway.

TIP - It is helpful to push the snow away from any catch basins so that water can flow easily into the catch basin and not cause flooding or unsafe, icy conditions.

TIP - Clear the snow away from any fire hydrants so that in case of a fire, the Fire Department can easily and quickly locate the fire hydrant closest to their needs.

TIP - If there is a large snow storm, please try and get all vehicles off the streets if possible so that crews can get the snow plowed.

SPECIAL THANKS TO HOLIDAY TREE DONORS

This year’s holiday tree was donated to the citizens of Troy by Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Anderson of 1310 East Main Street here in Troy. Thank you very much for donating your tree for all of the citizens of Troy to enjoy during the holiday season. The blue spruce is approximately 32 feet in height and was planted 32 years ago.

Another thanks goes to Piqua Steel and its employees who help out each year in getting the holiday tree cut down and placed on the Square. Piqua Steel has provided their services to the citizens of Troy free of charge for several decades. *Thank you!*

CODIFIED ORDINANCES NOW ONLINE

The City of Troy’s Codified Ordinances can now be found online at www.troyohio.gov. The Ordinances are searchable and will be updated.

CITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER, 2005			
5	City Council Meeting*	7 p.m.	
6	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.	
14	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.	
15	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.	
19	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	
23 & 26	City Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday (Refuse Collection on Schedule)		
28	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.	
JANUARY, 2006			
2	City Offices Closed for New Years Holiday (Refuse Collection on Schedule)		
3	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	
3	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.	
11	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.	
16	City Offices Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday (Refuse Collection on Schedule All Week)		
17	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	
19	Joint Meeting, Recreation Board & Park Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.	
25	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.	
FEBRUARY, 2006			
6	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	
7	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.	
8	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.	
16	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.	
20	City Offices Closed for Presidents Day Holiday (Refuse Collection on Schedule All Week)		
21	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	
22	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.	
MARCH, 2006			
6	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	
7	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.	
8	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.	
16	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.	
20	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	
22	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.	

*All meetings are held at Troy City Hall,
100 South Market Street, unless otherwise designated.

2005 - 2006 CITY COUNCIL WINTER MEETING DATES

Troy City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of every month, unless a Monday holiday requires rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 South Market Street. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the City's website, www.troyohio.gov, as well as at City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings with their input. The following schedule is provided as a handy reminder of the City Council meetings planned for this winter.

Mon., Dec. 5	Tues., Jan. 3	Mon., Feb. 6	Mon., Mar. 6
Mon., Dec. 19	Tues., Jan. 17	Tues., Feb. 21	Mon., Mar. 20

Your Tax Dollars at Work

NORTH ELM STREET— The North Elm Street reconstruction project was opened in early November, more than 70 days ahead of schedule. The City and the contractor worked to finish this project in a timely manner. This northern gateway to the City is much improved over the previous conditions.

SIDEWALK PROGRAMS— Two different contractors are working on completing Phases Three and Four of the Sidewalk Repair Program, with work expecting to be completed before the end of the year, depending on the weather.

RIDGE/PETERS— The design of the Ridge and Peters roadway construction is being completed, and the project is scheduled to be bid in January. This will allow for the contractor to begin construction of this roadway project as soon as weather permits. This project will include the improvements of Ridge from W. Market to Peters and continuing on Peters past the Archer Drive intersection to the entrance of Goodrich. Along with new storm sewers, curbs, and sidewalks, this project will also include a bridge replacement. A road closure will be necessary, with more details on the timing once the contractor has been selected.

FIRE STATION NO. 2— Plans are nearly complete for the new Fire Station No. 2 to be located on North Market Street next to the Staunton Grange. Construction on this project should begin in the first quarter of 2006.



SOUTHEAST INTERCEPTOR PROJECT— Plans are complete on a project to increase the capacity of an interceptor to the City's wastewater treatment plant. Construction will begin in the winter months of 2006; however, most of this work will not disrupt the public as most of it is being done on private property.

COMMERCE CENTER BLVD.— Plans are complete for the extension of Commerce Center Blvd. The existing roadway, off of S. Stanfield will be extended to McKaig Rd., midway between S. Stanfield and I-75. The new roadway will provide improved access to the new Honda development, as well as future development of this area. Construction of this project is expected to begin in early 2006. There will be minimal disruption to citizens during the construction phase of this project.

Vacation and Your Water Bill

Are you planning to go on vacation or to a warmer climate for part of the winter? If so, turning off your water service before you leave can save you from unexpected expenses when you return. A variety of water problems that cause high bills and/or property damage could occur in your absence. Potential problems could be water line, water heater or hose line leaks and breaks; outside faucets that were turned on and inadvertently left running; or malfunctioning toilets. The simplest way to avoid these situations is to turn off your water supply at the main shut-off valve. While

you will be billed for minimum water service, you will not accumulate charges for water lost during your absence.

Do you know where your shut-off valve is located? It should be close to wherever the water line comes into your house. If you have a water meter located in the basement, the main shut-off valve should be just before your meter. If your meter is outside, check your utility room or near the water heater. Even if you're not planning to be away, it is wise to know the location of your water shut-off valve in case of an emergency.

Holiday Fire Safety Tips

Decorating the exterior and interior of your home and "trimming the tree" are all great holiday traditions. However, these decorations and lights can be harmful if not used properly. The Troy Fire Department provides the following Holiday Fire Safety Tips:

- Use lights that bear the label of a recognized testing facility (such as UL).
- Follow the manufacturer's suggestions for the number of light strands to be connected together. Replace light sets and cords that are worn or cracked. Make sure to also check the bulb receptacles.
- If possible, use a surge protector in place of extension cords. If you have to use an extension cord, be certain it is rated for this type of use.
- Make sure lights that are used outside are rated for outdoor use. This also applies to extension cords.
- If you are putting up a live Christmas tree, always keep plenty of water in the tree stand. Trees should be placed away from portable heaters and registers. Do not block exits with

- Christmas trees.
- Candles should be secured and used only in holders. Keep them away from draperies, Christmas trees, decorations or anything else that might easily ignite. Always extinguish candles before leaving home or going to bed.
- Children should be closely supervised when near holiday decorations during the holiday season. They must be warned to keep away from matches, candles and decorative lighting.
- Fireplaces should be checked before use. Do not place wrapping paper, boxes, etc., in the fireplace. It is not an incinerator.
- Keep a fire extinguisher on hand in case of an emergency.
- Check smoke detector battery monthly to be sure it is operating properly.

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

We are fortunate to live in a very safe community. However, residents should still be aware that the holiday season is an active time for thieves. The Troy Police Dept. offers these Safety Tips as you go about your shopping this year:

- Stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- Don't flash large amounts of cash.
- Carry your purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.
- Put your wallet in an inside coat or front pant pocket, not a back pocket.
- Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.
- Always lock your car when you park it, even if you're coming right back.
- Avoid parking in isolated, unlighted areas.
- Try to use ATMs during the daytime and always watch for suspicious persons or activity.
- Never leave your packages in plain view, even if the car is locked. Put them in the trunk or out of sight.

Other valuable safety tips can be found on the Police Department's webpage at www.troyohio.gov.

water service on, and have no usage, you will be billed a minimum of \$14.55 per month for water, sewer and recycling. A special note for customers who normally do considerable watering of lawns during the summer months: you may not want to use the seasonal disconnect service as the summer sewer-averaging program is based on eight months continuous service from September to May.

If you are not sure if the seasonal disconnect program would be your best option, contact the City of Troy Billing & Collection Office at (937) 335-4151 for an evaluation of your usage history and advice on which program is most cost-effective for you.

Happenings at Hobart Arena



PUBLIC SKATING

For public skating dates and times, check www.hobartarena.com and click on the public skating tab.

DAYTON BOMBERS VS. WHEELING NAILERS

The Dayton Bombers return to Hobart Arena again this season for more hard hitting hockey action. Bring the family out and enjoy an evening of professional hockey right in your own backyard. The game will be on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. All tickets are \$10.00 and are available at Hobart Arena or by phone at (937) 339-2911.



SILVER STICKS REGIONAL YOUTH HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Youth hockey teams from across the country will compete for the opportunity to qualify to advance to play other regional champions. Admission is free, and the event will be held December 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12.



CONAGRA FOODS SHOOTOUT

Come and enjoy a weekend of great basketball at Hobart Arena sponsored by ConAgra Foods. Cheer on the Troy High School Trojan basketball teams as they play the Piqua Indians on Friday, January 20, 2006 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

MIAMI COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS VS. CLARK COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

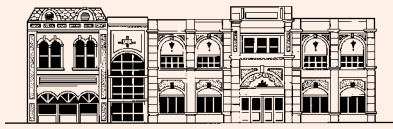
will play at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21 and Troy Christian Eagles vs. Emmanuel Christian Lions will play Saturday January 21 at 6:00 p.m. For further information, please call the Troy High School Athletic Department at (937) 332-6068 or the Hobart Arena at (937) 339-5145.

Troy Recreation Department News

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL will be held at the Lincoln Community Center January 9, 2006 to March 20, 2006 on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. There is a \$13.00 fee per person. This is individual registration for all adult women, ages 18 and up and out of high school. Teams will be formed from those registered.



CITY CLIPS



New Faces to Troy and Promotions

The Police Department welcomes Brian Ross, Jared Cole, and Jesse Canan as police officers. Stan Kegley moved from Assistant City Engineer to Assistant Public Works Director. Craig Wise was appointed to the Civil Service Commission.

City Council Changes

Congratulations goes to Jarrod Harrah for obtaining a position on City Council. Mr. Harrah replaces Frank Hutchinson as the 4th Ward representative starting January 1, 2006. A thank you goes out to Mr. Hutchinson for his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Troy while he served on City Council. His services to the City will not be forgotten.

City Saddened by Loss of Employee

The City of Troy was saddened by the loss of Leo Robbins, a long time employee in the Refuse Collection Division. Leo was an exceptional employee and provided outstanding service to the citizens of this community. We will miss him very much.

Garage Demolition Program

The Planning Department would like to remind citizens of Troy about the Garage Demolition Program. The Garage Demolition Program provides funds for those residents who wish to demolish a “condemnable” garage structure. Certain guidelines apply to the program. Please contact the Planning Department at (937) 339-9481 for more information or stop by their office in City Hall for an application.

Parking Regulation Reminder

Since we are in the winter season, staff wanted to remind citizens that there shall be no parking in metered lots between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. in order for the City’s crews to clean, repair, and monitor the lots. This will also be when crews plow the snow from these lots.

Christmas Tree Disposal

City crews will pick up and dispose your Christmas tree free of charge. All you need to do is put the tree out where your trash is collected. Crews will begin the pickup on December 26 and will continue until the middle of January. Plastic bags used to limit the amount of needle shedding when removing the tree from your house must be removed before pickup. For more information, contact Operations Superintendent Scott Walter at (937) 335-1914.

Holiday Trash Pickup

All trash pickup dates will remain the same throughout the holidays.

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Information on how to contact City elected and appointed officials is available on the City of Troy website: www.troyohio.gov

TROY CITY PROGRAMMING - CHANNEL 9

Watch for the Mayor’s Report and the City Council Update programs on Troy-Public Broadcasting, Channel 9.

Mayor’s Report — Monday - 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday - 11:00 a.m.; Thursday - 9:00 p.m.; Sunday - 7:30 p.m.

City Council Update — Monday - 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday - 11:30 a.m.; Thursday - 9:30 p.m.; Sunday - 8:00 p.m.



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Attention Web Surfers: Have you visited the official website of the City of Troy?
If not, surf over to www.troyohio.gov and check us out. The site is full of useful information about the City as an organization, as well as the community.
The website changes regularly, so visit often to keep abreast of meeting dates, job openings and other useful information.

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